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WITH

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Warning to Friends and others.

GOD will do so to you, and much more also; even as ye approve or reject these following Lines, written at His Command by His unworthy Servant, and

Your faithful Friend,

James Jackson.

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I.

SEarch their Original, whoſe Image and Superſcription they bear, and whether they tend to ſubvert Chriſt's or Sathan's Kingdom.

II.

Such only as are Divinely Inſpir'd, can judge and determine the Cauſe; For, ſaith the Pſalmiſt, *in thy light ſhall we ſee light*, Pſal. 36. 9. Theſe diſcern that *good and acceptable Will of God*, Rom. 12. 2. and *whether the Doctrine be of God*, *John* 7. 17. For the ſpiritual Man judgeth all things; yea, ſuch have the mind of Chriſt, *and the deep things of God are revealed to 'em by his Spirit*, 1 *Cor.* 10, to the end.

III.

The Deciſion hereof is ſo exquiſitely nice, that it admits of no *Medium*. *He that is not with me* (ſaith the Lord) *is againſt me*; *and he that gathereth not with me*,

ſcattereth abroad, *Matth.* 12. 30. So that you muſt n
ceſſarily either grant the firſt, or (with that Profliga
Blaſphemer *George Keith*, and ſuch other inſolent Ap
ſtates, and envious Oppoſers) conclude 'em to be n
better than Products of *Diabolical Magick*.

IV.

The Lord, in this our Age and Generation, ha
been and is reducing all the Inhabitants of the Ear
to the Obedience of Faith in his Son; whoſe Kingdo
is univerſal and without end, according to the genuin
Senſe, Scope, and Import of Holy Writ, whoſe A
pearance, Authority and Government will be queſtio
ed, and moſt vigorouſly oppoſed by all ſuch as ha
uſurped his Dominion, and arrogated his Power ov
the Faith and Conſciences of their Brethren and Fe
low Mortals: As appears in the Parable of the Evi
minded Husband-men, *Matth.* 21. 33, to 38. Th
knew he was the Heir, but unwilling to be diſpoſſeſſe
conſpired againſt his Life; which, with open Face, is
exact Figure of the preterite and preſent State of Chri
Kingdom, at this Juncture, wherein the Avaricio
and Malignant Teachers of every Party, now exta
moſt audaciouſly (with the Prophet *Hananiah*) ſtir u
and teach Rebellion againſt the Lord, and make t
People truſt in Lyes, *Jer.* 28. 16. by ſuggeſting irr
tional Doubts, cenſorious Surmiſes, and Party-pre
dices into the Minds of their reſpective, ignorant, u
thinking and abuſed People, againſt the preſent Bl
ſed and Glorious Appearance of the near approachi
of Chriſt's Triumphant Kingdom, breaking fo
with his inſpiring Life, in this wonderful and amazi
Diſpenſation.

V.

Wherefore 'tis vain and fruitleſs for ſuch as lo
hereon with an evil Eye, to require or expect to
co

vinc'd by Signs and Wonders; for their whole Body full of Darkneſs, and cannot ſee, neither will they perſwaded, *though one roſe from the Dead, Luke* 16. Moreover, they that will not believe, without ident Demonſtration, truſt more to their own Eyes an the Power of God.

VI.

Nevertheleſs, they whoſe Faith (though never ſo eak, and attended with Scruples, Fears, and chari- ble Jealouſies) ſtands on the Power of the eternal pirit, unto ſuch our gracious loving God will af- rd ſuch demonſtrative Convictions, as he did to ac- mmodate and confirm the Faith and Aſſurance of *homas*, called *Didymus*.

VII.

So that not only the tender Sheep and Lambs of hriſt, diſpers'd and reſtrain'd under various forms, ho have ſecret Deſires to know their Heavenly epherd's Call and Conduct, but alſo many Mil- ns that never as yet in the leaſt ſought after GOD, th which he will cauſe to hear his Voice, and obey e Warnings of the eternal Spirit by the Mouths of ſe his Heraulds and Meſſengers.

VIII.

Every true Friend and ſincere Lover of the ever- ſed *Emanuel*, doth exceedingly Rejoyce at this his orious Appearance, and Congratulates his Acceſs to Univerſal, Auguſt, and Spiritual Empire, and oever will not thus love the Lord Jeſus, let him be *athema Maranatha*.

IX.

IX.

This with all other glorious Dispensations, at f
appears Mean, Odd, New, and Strange; yet ev
such Stranger, deserves a very kind Reception;
in so doing, some have entertain'd Angels unawar
but they usually are revealed to, and are received
the Abjects of this world; as Christ's Incarnation
first to Shepherd's, his Doctrine by Fishermen, T
takers, poor Distressed People, Publicans and Harl
His Resurrection to *Mary Magdalen*, and who m
despicable for want of Humane Learning, than
Poor *Waldenses*; and yet the first Blessed Instrument
Reformation; neither can I here omit to instance t
Glorious Dispensation of Life, Light and Power, wh
opened and broke forth about 50 years since, in the p
Despised Persecuted People of God, in Scorn call'd
kers; which now also from the same Eternal Spi
operates in these Divinely Inspir'd Persons, throu
whom the *Warnings* now in Question are given fort

X.

Whoever therefore, of what Party or Perswa
soever, that look awry, Despise, Calumniate,
Condemn this present Dispensation of Christ's S
rit, thus manifesting himself in Man; Know ye
suredly that you are found Fighting against God,
as much in actual Hostility against Christ's Gove
ment, even as the *French King*, for whom (tis pro
ble) it will be more tollerable in the Day of God's V
geance than for some of you.

XI.

Be advised therefore to rent your stubborn He
and abandon all private Prejudice, all indulged Ig
rance, and lukewarm Indifference, lest for your C
ru

y the Lord ſmite you with judicial Blindneſs in
ſult, and there be no Remedy.

XII.

th deep Contrition Pray, Repent and Faſt,
e deaf and unjuſt Judge was won at laſt,
Importunity; but ſooner HE
at is inclin'd to Grace and Clemency.
rieve for what's paſt, with fixed Reſolution
mend your Lives, and defer th' Execution.
ay fervently to him that can relieve you,
ere will be hopes of Grace if he Reprieve you.
r Caſe is deſperate, yet withal know
at Heav'n ever was to Vengeance ſlow.
en Oh! that you'd now by Repentance turn,
d no more againſt Inſpiration ſpurn.
r thus doth Chriſt diffuſe his Saving Grace,
r this in-ſpeaking Words his Checks embrace;
you will Periſh in moſt wretched Caſe.
r Drowning Souls Emanuel *ſtrives to gain,*
! that he may no longer ſtrive in vain;
, for this CITY *I in Secret Mourn,*
h Fervent Cries, that ye'd forthwith return:
n I like one Aſtoniſh'd, Trembling ſtand,
reſs'd with Grief; unſeen by Foe or Friend,
oft o'er heard to Sigh! Ah! Poor England.
Pride and Avarice to ſuch a Height are grown,
Sathan boldly Claims moſt for his own.
d thou haſt Hypocrites *in high Profeſſions,*
'd reſt Mammon's *own ſelf out of's Poſſeſſions;*
of thy Publick Preachers are as bad
hoſe Falſe Prophets *Jezebel once had:*
d the People, by Pleading for Vice,
e Gates of Hell *inſtead of* Paradiſe.
Days nigh ſpent, the Hour of God's Judgments come;
em thou muſt expect the ſelf-ſame Doom
d was Denounc'd againſt Capernaum.

much

Much Complimental Love to Christ ye shew,
Whilst really you hate and Scorn him too;
His Spirit's Operation ye Deride,
'Till by your Fall Truth will be glorify'd:
Nor can you charge God with Austerity,
When he Condemns the Infidelity;
(Of seeming Friends) for real Enmity.
Beware you Unbelievers, cease your Rage;
Your Fury burns against God's Heritage.
Is it not manifest to all Mens Sight,
That they who hate and Spurn against the Light,
Are fill'd with Darkness, Children of the Night:
Were you as Honest as you're False and Fierce,
Ye wou'd not hate the Inspir'd Camisars.
Now all that thus Supports Satan's *Kingdom,*
Are Antichrists as much as France *or* Rome;
And all that are unto their Spirit joyn'd,
Must share of th' Plagues which are for them assign'd.
Yet true Repentance will appease God's Wrath,
When't Springs from the Obedience of Faith:
'Twill clear the Guilt contracted on this Score,
Acquit whatever was amiss before,
Nay, be Assur'd, nought can oblige him more.
Thus when ye from all Sin entirely ceas'd;
Judgments will be remov'd, and God well pleas'd.
To the Word of Faith, *which unto all is nigh,*
With due Subjection to't, your Hearts apply;
Timely Repent, Dear Friends, lest ye untimely Die.

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